[Mr. Paul Daniel.]

(2) If the answer to part (1) is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any reason for not appointing any Indian Christian as Munsiff during the last 17 years?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) In view of the answer to part (1), this does not arise.

Transfer of Women Teachers.

199. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Inspectress of Girls' Schools has transferred within the last three months women teachers who were working in or near their native places to distant places, and, if so, the names of such teachers and the reasons for such transfers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. A statement* containing the information required by the member for the months of Chingam, Kanni and Tulam 1102 is laid on the table.

Widening the Channel at Kollakadavu.

200. MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to investigate the question of the further removal of the natural granite obstructions at Kollakadavu in the Kulakkada river and widening the channel there, so as to prevent the too heavy and prolonged flooding of the paddy-fields and the consequent loss of crops?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the affirmative.

District Hospital, Shertallai.

201. MR. K. SIVARAMA PANIKKAR (*Shertallai*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state the average number of in-patients per mensem in the District Hospital, Shertallai, and the average number of out-patients visiting the hospital every day?

(2) Are they aware—

(*a*) that this number was steadily on the increase for some time past;

(*b*) that there is not sufficient accommodation for treating the out-patients properly as in other hospitals; and

(*c*) that there is not sufficient accommodation for the growing number of in-patients in the hospital?

(3) Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) (i) whether sanction has been given to put up a ceiling to the operation theatre in the Shertallai hospital;

(ii) if so, when the sanction was given;

(iii) whether the work has been executed; and

(iv) what the delay is due to;

(*b*) (i) the number of District Hospitals in the State without a compound wall; and

(ii) whether the Shertallai hospital has been provided with a compound wall?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(1) The average number of in-patients per mensem... 702.
The average number of out-patients per day... 200.

(2) (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) There is in it the same accommodation as in similar District Hospitals of the State. Improvements have been recommended by the Administrative Board, Medical Services.

(*c*) At present, there is sufficient accommodation.

(3) (*a*) (i) The question of putting up a ceiling is under consideration and correspondence.

(ii), (iii) and (iv) In view of the answer to part (*a*) (i), these questions do not arise.

(*b*) (i) Five.

(ii) No.

Prospecting for Monazite.

202. MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they had perused the article under the heading "Raw Monazite" published in the 'Navasakti' dated the 29th Chingam 1102;

(*b*) (i) whether the Government Geological Department has conducted any investigation in regard to raw monazite; and

(ii) if so, the nature of that investigation;

(*c*) (i) whether the State Geologist is aware of the occurrence of raw monazite near Kattattura in South Travancore; and

(ii) if not, whether the Government will make arrangements for an investigation of the matter; and

(*d*) whether the Government will give the necessary permission to those applicants who are prepared to prospect for the various metals occurring in South Travancore?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The Government have perused the article under the heading "പച്ചമോണാസൈറ്റ്" (which seems to mean green monazite) published in the "Navasakti", dated the 29th Chingam 1102.

(*b*) (i) The Department of Industries has conducted investigations in regard to green monazite.

(ii) The investigations consisted of analyses of green monazite to find out its value, and prospecting operations to find out its extent.

(*c*) (i) The Department of Industries is aware that there is green monazite near Kattattura.

(ii) The question does not arise.

(*d*) Any person desirous of obtaining a prospecting license for any mineral may apply for it under the "Revised Rules for the grant of licenses to explore and prospect for minerals and of mining leases sanctioned by the Government on the 17th May 1908 as amended by Notification dated 8th March 1916", and a license will be issued if the necessary conditions are satisfied.

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